

Further, in determining the reasonableness of the hours claimed in Plaintiff's request, the Court must rely upon its own knowledge, experience, and expertise of the time required completing similar activities by lawyers of reasonably comparable skill, experience, and reputation. *Shepherd v. Apfel*, 981 F. Supp. 1188, 1192 (S.D. Iowa 1997) *citing Gilbert v. City of Little Rock, Arkansas*, 867 F.2d 1063, 1066 (8th Cir. 1989). The Consumer Price Index (CPI) as reported through June of 2020 by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics is such that the adjusted statutory fee for EAJA cases should be calculated at \$205.00 per hour for work performed in 2020 and 2021. Defendant has no objection to Plaintiff's requests for attorney's fees in the amount of \$5,965.50, representing 29.1 hours of attorney work at \$205 per hour.

Therefore, Plaintiff's Attorney's Motion is **GRANTED**, and it is **ORDERED** that Plaintiff is awarded \$5,965.50 to be paid by the Social Security Administration. Plaintiff has signed an Assignment of EAJA Fees in this case. The award is to be made payable to the Parmele Law Firm. The Court acknowledges that, in accordance with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010), the EAJA fee is payable to Plaintiff as the litigant and may be subject to offset to satisfy a pre-existing debt that the litigant owes to the United States.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 6, 2021

/s/ Douglas Harpool
DOUGLAS HARPOOL
United States District Judge